

Item 3

17:30 – 19:00

“Towards the future we want: the Mountain Partnership Strategy”

Moderator:

David Molden, *Director General,*

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

The new strategic objectives and governance (10 minutes)

Smita Premchander, *Secretary, Sampark India*

External evaluation of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat

mandated by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) (10 minutes)

Moderated discussion with views from members (max. 5 minutes each)

Miguel Saravia, *Executive Director*

Consortium for Sustainable Development of the Andean Ecoregion (CONDESAN)

Eduardo Rojas-Briales, *Assistant Director General, Forestry Department*

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Madhav Karki, *Deputy Director General,*

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

Alfredo Guillet, *Referee for the Environment (UTC)*

Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Italy

Daniel Maselli, *Senior Programme Manager ‘Global Mountain Issues’*

Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) South Asia Division Switzerland

Elbegzaya Batjargal, *Regional Programme Officer, Mountain Partnership Secretariat*

Decentralized Hub for Central Asia, University of Central Asia (UCA)

Mario Boccucci, *Chief, Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit*

Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Closing remarks: **Mario Boccucci** (UNEP)

Eduardo Rojas-Briales (FAO)



Mountain Partnership Rio+20

Third Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership
**“The future we want:
mountains as living solutions for development”**

Venue: Mountain Pavilion, Athletes’ Park, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Date: Tuesday, 19 June 2012

Time: 16:00 - 19:00

The meeting will be preceded by cocktails hosted by the Mountain Partnership Secretariat together with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Introduction

The 1992 “Earth Summit” in Rio de Janeiro was a milestone in terms of the political recognition given to mountains and their contribution to global sustainability. Now, after 20 years, the need to enhance stewardship of mountains is more pressing than ever before.

At the Rio+20 Summit, the global community has to unite behind mountains. A strong, expanded mandate for sustainable mountain development is urgently needed in order to seize the opportunities and address the challenges of sustainable mountain development on the necessary scale.

Enhanced sustainable management of mountain landscapes will provide living solutions to the world’s most urgent challenges:

- Healthy mountain landscapes and mountain services are fundamental to global human well-being. They are economic assets and investing in them can generate direct financial benefits and boost economic wealth.
- Mountain services will be essential in facing the three major challenges of the twenty-first century: clean, reliable water supplies, renewable energy and food security.



- Mountain landscapes are inevitably connected to water – and water is life! Water is central to all aspects of green growth, from human development to food security, energy, urbanization, cultural heritage and climate change. The global community must come up with innovative ways of managing water resources so that we do not run out of water for basic needs in coming years. And mountains are the key landscape where this must be done.
- Adaptation to climate change and the sustainability of mountain services needs innovative approaches. Mountain services need to be strengthened for the benefit of poor mountain inhabitants and in the interests of the global community.

Rationale

A global vision responding to the needs of a post-Rio world calls for regionally adapted strategies. Together with its members, the Mountain Partnership will need to strengthen upstream-downstream relationships, promoting transboundary cooperation and thus developing the knowledge necessary for designing appropriate answers in a synergistic manner. In the unique setting that Rio+20 and the Mountain Pavilion provide for mountain countries and multilateral institutions, members will take a joint look at the first ten years of the Mountain Partnership. The event will serve as a forum to share

the lessons learned and information on best practices. Members will also look at strategic objectives to be included in the Mountain Partnership's future, forward-looking strategy.

Objectives and anticipated results of the Third Global Meeting

The event aims to:

- **share** lessons and best practices learned from joint action conducted in favour of mountains during the past ten years;
- **strengthen** the commitment of Mountain Partnership members by seeking to engage them directly in strategic consultations;
- **identify** strategic objectives appropriate for effectively promoting sustainable mountain development in a forward-looking, coherent and holistic manner;
- **secure** Mountain Partnership members' commitment and support for concrete programmes and activities after Rio+20, outlining a new, inclusive *modus operandi* of governance agreed on with members;
- **build** the future cooperative efforts of the Mountain Partnership on a synergistic, inclusive and committed foundation, in order to ensure that the voices and concerns of mountain people are heard in all relevant international fora.

Panel discussion with invited speakers and member participation

Item 1

16:00 – 16:30

“The future we want: Mountains as living solutions for development”

Introduction: Olman Serrano, *Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat*

Opening remarks: H.E. Carlos Minc, *State Environment Secretary of Rio de Janeiro Brazil*

H.E. Gabriel Quijandría, *Vice Minister of Strategic Development of Natural Resources Ministry of Environment Peru*

H.E. Gherardo La Francesca, *Ambassador of Italy to Brazil Italy*

H.E. Manuel Bessler, *Assistant Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Switzerland*

H.E. Gyan Chandra Acharya, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations in New York Nepal*

Item 2

16:30 – 17:30

“10 years of the Mountain Partnership: members in action”

Moderator: Marco Onida, *Secretary General, Alpine Convention*

Remarks by invited members from different regions (8 minutes each)

H.E. Pema Gyamtsho, *Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests Bhutan*

H.E. Atadjanov, *Head, State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry Kyrgyzstan*

H.E. Silvia Meregá, *Ambassador, Director General Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship Argentina*

Luis Felipe Cesar, *Deputy Executive Director, Crescente Fértil Brazil*